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The Secretary-General has received the following statement, which is being circulated in accordance with paragraphs 30 and 31 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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Statement

The recommendations of Institute are set out below.

- Inculcation of a minimum common index on human values, which needs to be included in the Millennium Development Goals. While all other goals give direction, none of it specifies the leakage that might be there in achieving the goals due to crime, resistance, corruptive practices by the players etc. When such a compulsion is included then the players remain within a code of well-defined commitment.
- In framing the codes of human values for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, the international community needs to cooperate and work out the minimum common index on human values for the sake of ensuring implementation and achievement of the Millennium Development Goals and a better world.
- The United Nations has to frame an index of development not only based on per capita economic prosperity but also on the prosperity of the nation, including at the grass-roots level. Conflicts, terrorism and wars can be mostly attributed to the fact that development has still not touched a vast majority of the population of the world, which does not even have the basic necessities of life. We call for such an index to encourage nations to participate as members of the global world, through commitments to spread prosperity and development to all their people.
- Nations across the globe should share and exchange best practices, and cooperate and assist each other in achieving the Millennium Development Goals within the target date of 2015. The United Nations can play a leading role in this by encouraging cooperation at the national level and providing a platform for easier exchange and sharing of best practices.
- The United Nations can also help to formulate strategies to help each nation attain the Millennium Development Goals, with the involvement of partnering civil society organizations. In special areas of conflict and war, it is important for the United Nations system to support civil society and advise the leadership of countries, with a view to helping them to bring about peace and development in their respective countries and to attain the Millennium Development Goals.